

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Karl-Heinz Schmezer  
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Title: Compression-Resistant Drive Chain for an Actuating Device  
Examiner: Stephen M. Bowes  
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**Commissioner for Patents**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the office action dated 12/23/2008, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims are amended as shown in the attached marked-up complete list of claims.